

Amendments to the Claims:

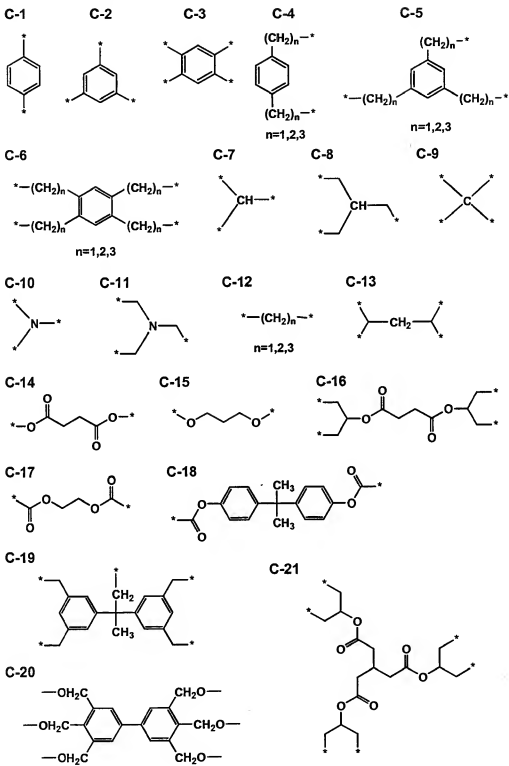
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A multi-branched structure compound encapsulating a light emitting material for an organic electroluminescent element,

wherein the light emitting material for the organic electroluminescent element is a phosphorescent compound; and

a core linkage group of the multi-branched structure compound is selected from the group consisting of the following structures:



2. **(Currently amended)** The multi-branched structure compound of claim 1 having a substructure which exhibits **[[an]]** a positive hole transporting property.

3. **(Original)** The multi-branched structure compound of claim 1 having a substructure which exhibits an electron transporting property.

4-5. **(Cancelled)**

6. **(Original)** An organic electroluminescent element comprising at least one organic compound layer between an anode and a cathode, wherein at least one of the organic compound layer comprises the multi-branched structure compound of claim 1.

7. **(Original)** The organic electroluminescent element of claim 6 emitting white light.

8. **(Original)** A display comprising the organic electroluminescent element of claim 6.

9. **(Original)** An illuminating device comprising the organic electroluminescent element of claim 6.

10. **(Original)** A display comprising the illuminating device of claim 9 and a liquid crystal element as a display member.

11. **(Currently amended)** A method to produce a multi-branched structure compound comprising the step of: mixing a light emitting material for an organic electroluminescent element and the multi-branched structure compound in a solvent to encapsulate the light emitting material for an organic electroluminescent element in the **[[a]]** multi-branched structure compound.

12. **(Original)** The method of claim 11, wherein the light emitting material for the organic electroluminescent element has a higher affinity to the multi-branched structure compound than to the solvent.

13. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 11, wherein the multi-branched structure compound has a substructure which exhibits [[an]] a positive hole transporting property.

14. **(Original)** The method of claim 11, wherein the multi-branched structure compound has a substructure which exhibits an positive hole transporting property.

15. **(Original)** The method of claim 11, wherein the light emitting material for the organic electroluminescent element is a fluorescent compound.

16. **(Original)** The method of claim 11, wherein the light emitting material for the organic electroluminescent element is a phosphorescent compound.